

## CONKLING AND HILL.

CONUNDRUMS BY THE LATTER.

A Shower of Questions by the Georgia Senator, During which He Gets Greatly Excited, and Tries to Answer Them Himself—  
Laughable Scenes.

When Mr. Hill, of Georgia, took the floor to continue the debate he said it had been asserted several times that within a few days the Republicans would control a constitutional majority of the Senate. He believed that when every seat should be filled this Senate would be Democratic as it was now. If he was wrong in that belief, he had been

deceived. If the Senator from New York had been deceived in his statement, he (Mr. Hill) had been deceived. He owed it to himself, to the country, to those with whom he had been associated, to state distinctly why he said that the Senate would continue to be Democratic when all the seats were full. If he was right the Senator had had no right to say that the Democrats were seizing—

Mr. Conkling (interrupting)—Won't you wait and see?

Mr. Hill.—The Senator is anxious that we should wait. I assume that every Senator yet to arrive will be Republican; but when full, the Senate will be Republican? That is the question. The Senate, when full, consists of seventy-six members. Thirty-eight members of this body were sent here, commissioned to sit here as Democrats. They hold

no commissions that were not given to them as Democrats and by Democrats. That thirty-eight amounts to precisely one half of this Senate. One member of the Senate [Mr. Davis, of Illinois], was not sent here as a Democrat, but was sent here by Democratic votes; and, in words of high and lofty patriotism and fidelity to trust, he, on Friday, announced that he was going to go to trust with the sent him here, and which he agreed to fulfil. The Senator from New York insisted that the Republicans will have a majority.

HOW! HOW! WHO! WHO!

How has that been accomplished? It has not been accomplished by the people or by the Legislatures of the States. How, when,

by whom has that Wonderful coalition been accomplished by which somebody, sent here as a Democrat, has been seized—no, I will not say "seized" (in imitation of a similar remark made by Mr. Conkling, and one which elicited laughter, but "taken and carried off" by the Republican party. Who did it? The Senator from New York did not; and he did not respect any one who did. I know him too well. Who did it? Who has been taken and carried away? Why is it that we have no right to act on the assumption that thirty-nine members are not still Democrats? I say they are,

and I stand here to vindicate the honor, the integrity, the fidelity to State, people, and principle of all the thirty-nine who were sent here as Democrats. I deny that any one has proven treacherous to his mission or falsified the commis-

tion that lies upon your table. When the Senator intimates that somebody is false, the Senator does injustice to that somebody.

Mr. Conkling—I interrupt the Senator to deny what the Senator has said. I have neither stated nor implied that anybody was to be false to any understanding.

Mr. Hill—I am not charging you with that.

Mr. Conkling—I understood the Senator to say that he had implied or charged that somebody was to be false. I think it fair and just, without being generous, that the Senator should allow me to say that my implication and belief is that everybody is true, and that therefore somebody has to be true if the other is false.

to the opposition to a reigning element in this country—opposition to which sent him to this body. That is what I mean.

Mr. Hill—I was not astonished at the interruption, the manner of it or the length of it; but I have said what the Senator will not dispute; that there are thirty-nine members of this body elected by Democratic votes and sent here as Democrats.

Mr. Conkling—I do deny it.

Mr. Hill—The records of the country must settle

Mr. Conkling—They will settle it.

Mr. Hill—I say that the whole world knows that there are thirty-eight men on this floor elected as Democrats, and one who was elected by Democrats [Mr. Davis, of Illinois]. Where, then, have I misrepresented? If that be true, Democrats who were

ected as such are not faithful to the constituents which elected them. You (pointing to Mr. Conkling) will not have a majority when the Senate is full. So far from charging the Senator with being party to an arrangement whereby one man chosen by a Democratic Legislature shall vote against the party who sent him here, I acquit him of it. What would be insulting to him he will not respect in others. Continuing, Mr. Hill said that he did not blame a man for a change of opinions:

but he contended that it was his duty to give notice of that change to the persons with whom he had been associated. No Democrat had given such notice to that side of the Senate, and he (Mr. Hill) therefore assumed that no such change had oc-

He denied that any one had the right to accept a commission from one party and execute that commission in the interest of another party. Manhood, bravery, courage, fidelity, morality, and respect for the opinions of mankind required that, whenever a man had arrived at the conclusion that he could not carry out a trust

which had been confided to him, it was his duty to return his commission and tell his constituents that he had changed his mind. He did not believe that a single one of the thirty-eight men elected as Democrats would hold in his pocket a commission conferred by Democrats and, without giving notice to his constituency, to his associates, would ex-

Mr. Hill gets excited.

left his seat and addressed some words to the Vice-President, while Mr. Hill continued his speech in an excited manner: No, gentlemen, he said, you are deceived, and you will be disappointed. I vindicate the character of American citizenship. I vindicate the honor of human nature when I say that you will be disappointed, and that tomorrow, and you, Democrats, will be disappointed.

that no man elected as a Democrat is going to help you organize the committees of the Senate. I do not say so because I know it. I have no personal information; but I will stand here and affirm that no man who has been deemed by any constituency in this country to be worthy of a place in this body will be guilty of that treachery. How is the Senator's majority to come? The answer

said this morning that there were two or three Democrats who would vote with the Republicans, referring to Senator Harris and my colleague [Mr. Brown]. I know now that the whole thing is absurd. How many have you—one? If you have but one you have only half. I suppose you count on the vote of the Vice-President.

That has all been arranged, has it? Mr. President, I will not blame you if you vote, and vote according to the sentiment that elected you, according to the principles which you avowed when you were elected. I deny, myself, the right of the Vice-President to take part in organizing the Senate; but I shall not make the question. If you have but one

the vote will be 33 to 33. Who is that one? [Laughter on the Republican side.] Who is that one? repeated Mr. Hill, in a loud and excited tone of voice, who is ambitious to do what no man in the history of this country has ever done—to stand up in this high presence and proclaim from this proud eminence that

he disgraces the commission he holds. [Applause in the galleries.] Who is it? Who can it be? [Laughter, while every eye is turned upon Mr. Mahone, who is seated among the Republicans.] Do you [addressing the Republicans] receive him with affection? Do you receive him with respect? Is such a man worthy of your association? Such a

uan is not worthy to be a Deliberator. Is he worthy to be a Republican? If my friends from Illinois, Kansas, and New York [Messrs. Logan, Plumb, and Conkling] were to come to me, holding Republican commissions in their pockets, sent here by Republican Legislatures, and were to whisper to me that they would vote for a Democratic organization, I would scorn to accept their votes, and I would tell them that, if they came, they would be expelled from the hall."

with ignorance from the ranks of the party. And why do you bid us to wait? If all who were elected as Democrats are to remain Democrats, what good will waiting do you? You will still be in a minority of two—the same minority which you are in to-day.

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**Officials in Prospect.**

Captain Sam Gednev, of the District, is

an applicant for supervising inspector of steamers of the Third District. Captain Sam is not only an old steamboat captain but a first-class chief engineer. What he doesn't know about steamboats isn't worth talking about.

Some of the colored citizens are to hold a mass-meeting this evening for the purpose of endorsing

Mr. C. A. Ware, of Iowa Circle, is supported by a number of the most prominent business men of the city for the place of United States Marshal, should there be a change.

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